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Patent
Attorney's Docket No. 040070-438

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of)
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Jacobus Cornelis HAARTSEN) Group Art Unit: 2663
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Application No.: 09/348,495) Examiner: S. Waite
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Filed: July 7, 1999) Confirmation No.: 5322
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For: MULTI-MEDIA PROTOCOL FOR)
SLOT-BASED COMMUNICATION)
SYSTEMS)

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Sir:

Enclosed is a reply for the above-identified patent application.

- ☐ A Petition for Extension of Time is also enclosed.
- ☐ A Terminal Disclaimer and the ☐ \$55.00 (2814) ☐ \$110.00 (1814) fee due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.20(d) are also enclosed.
- ☐ Also enclosed is/are _____.
- ☐ Small entity status is hereby claimed.
- ☐ Applicant(s) request continued examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 and enclose the ☐ \$375.00 (2801) ☐ \$750.00 (1801) fee due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e).
- ☐ Applicant(s) previously submitted ___, on ___, for which continued examination is requested.
- ☐ Applicant(s) request suspension of action by the Office until at least ___, which does not exceed three months from the filing of this RCE, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c). The required fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) is enclosed.
- ☐ A Request for Entry and Consideration of Submission under 37 C.F.R. § 1.129(a) (1809/2809) is also enclosed.
- ☐ No additional claim fee is required.

☒ An additional claim fee is required, and is calculated as shown below:

AMENDED CLAIMS					
	NO. OF CLAIMS	HIGHEST NO. OF CLAIMS PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	EXTRA CLAIMS	RATE	ADDT'L FEE
Total Claims	27	MINUS 24 =	3	× \$18.00 (1202) =	54.00
Independent Claims	3	MINUS 3 =	0	× \$84.00 (1201) =	0
If Amendment adds multiple dependent claims, add \$280.00 (1203)					0
Total Amendment Fee					54.00
If small entity status is claimed, subtract 50% of Total Amendment Fee					
TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE DUE FOR THIS AMENDMENT					\$54.00

☒ A claim fee in the amount of \$ 54.00 is enclosed.

☐ Charge \$_____ to Deposit Account No. 02-4800.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17, 1.20(d) and 1.21 that may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 02-4800. This paper is submitted in duplicate.

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AMENDMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated February 10, 2003, please amend the above-captioned patent application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please add the following new claims:

-- 25. (New) The method of claim 1, wherein the synchronous communications link between the first and second communication units operates in accordance with a frameless protocol.

26. (New) The communication system of claim 12, wherein the synchronous communication link operates in accordance with a frameless protocol.

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